**Arab Parliamentarians Dialogue on the Regional Review of**

**the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action after Thirty Years**

29 - 30 May 2024

Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

**Proposed Agenda**

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| **Day One: Wednesday 29 May 2024** |
| **Session** | **Time** |
| **Opening Session*** Ms. Salma Al-Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development Cluster, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.
* Ms. Shatha Abdellatif, Representative of League of Arab States Secretariat
* Ms. Janneke van der Graaff – Kukler, Deputy Regional Director, UN Women Arab States Regional Office
 | 9:30 – 10:00 |
| **Session I: Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Universal National Review*** Overview the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action Review and its intersection with the Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights Frameworks

Ms. Salma Al-Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, ESCWA* Regional Review of Arab Women Development Agenda +5

Ms. Shatha Abdellatif, Representative of League of Arab States Secretariat* Progress of the Status of Women in the Arab Region since 2020
1. Legislative Status of women in the Arab region: Gender Justice and Law Platform
2. Progress on the situation of women in the Arab region since 2020
* Parliamentarians’ interventions on legislative amendments regarding gender equality in the Constitution

*Moderator: Ms. Salma Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, ESCWA* | 10:00 – 11:30 |
| **Coffee Break** | 11:30 – 12:00 |
| **Session II: Legislative developments in the field of the right to work and the decent work environment, and opportunities for entrepreneurship**Parliamentarians’ interventions on the achievements and main challenges in adopting legislative amendments on:* Amendments to Labor Laws to Eliminate Gender Discrimination in Labor
* Legislative amendments on unpaid care, maternity and paternity leave and flexible work
* Legal amendments to financial policies and investment opportunities to promote employment, entrepreneurship and access to property

*Moderator: Ms. Nada Darwazeh, Chief of ESCWA Center for Women* | 12:00 – 13:30 |
| **Lunch break** | 13:30 – 14:30 |
| **Third Session: Legislative Developments in Women's Participation in Public Life and Decision-Making**Parliamentarians’ interventions on:* Legislative measures to enhance women's participation in legislative councils.
* Measures to increase the representation of women in various representative councils.
* Women's experience in leadership positions in legislative councils and specialized parliamentary committees

*Moderator: Ms. Simone ellis Oluoch-Olunya, Regional Policy Advisor, UN Women Arab States Regional Office* | 14:30 – 16:00 |
| Summary messages of the first day | 16:00 – 16:30 |
| **Day Two: Thursday 30 May 2024** |  |
| **Session** | **Time** |
| **Session V: Legislative developments in the field of protection against violence** Parliamentarians’ interventions on the achievements and main challenges in adopting legislative amendments on:* Protection from domestic violence
* Protection from harassment in the public space, workplace and technology-facilitated violence
* Protection from political violence against women in leadership positions and human rights defenders

*Moderator: Ms. Salma Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, ESCWA* | 9:00 – 10:30 |
| **Session Six: Legislative developments relating to the rights and protection of vulnerable groups.**Parliamentarians’ interventions on the achievements and main challenges in adopting legislative amendments on:* Rights of women and girls with disability
* Child rights and confronting child marriage
* Combating female genital mutilation

*Moderator: Maha Muna, Regional Gender Advisor, UNICEF*  | 10:30 – 12:00 |
| **Coffee Break** | 12:00 – 12:30 |
| **Seventh Session: Legislative Developments in Family and Personal Status Matters**Parliamentarians’ interventions on the achievements and most prominent challenges in adopting legislative amendments on the provisions of marriage, divorce, nationality rights and access to property.*Moderator: Ms. Nada Darwazeh, Chief of ESCWA Center for Women* | 12:30 – 14:00 |
| **Lunch break** | 14:00 – 15:00 |
| **Session Eight: Closing** * Discussion on the role of parliaments and legislatures in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action
* Discussion of key messages

*Moderator: Ms. Salma Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, ESCWA* | 15:00 – 16:30 |